



# WEDDING CALENDAR CHECKLIST

The following checklist is designed with the (ideal) timetable of twelve months. If you're planning your wedding on a shorter schedule, just start at the beginning of the list, and try to catch up as quickly as possible. Use the boxes to the left of the items to check off tasks as you complete them.

## 9 TO 12 MONTHS PRIOR

- Arrange a gathering for family.
- Determine budget and expenses.
- Discuss the size, style, and location.
- Choose a wedding date and time.
- Create a binder.
- Visit and reserve wedding and reception sites.
- Meet with your officiant.
- Start compiling your guest list to estimate total.
- Begin shopping for the wedding gown.

## 4 TO 6 MONTHS PRIOR

- Finalize the guest list.
- Order invitations and stationery.
- Plan wedding-day beauty preparations.
- Finalize all honeymoon plans.
- Arrange wedding day transportation.
- Start planning honeymoon

## 2 TO 4 MONTHS PRIOR:


- Obtain a marriage license.

## 6 TO 9 MONTHS PRIOR

- Choose the members of your wedding party.
- Enroll in wedding/shower gift registries.
- Hire a photographer and a videographer.
- Book an engagement/save-the-date photo session.
- Hire a caterer.
- Hire a florist.
- Reserve hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
- Shop for bridesmaid's dresses.
- Send out Save-the-Date cards.
- Select and order wedding gown.
- Shop for wedding rings.
- Schedule wedding cake design appointments.

## 6 TO 9 MONTHS PRIOR:

- Do a hair and makeup run-through.
- Confirm all transportation plans for before and after wedding.
- Mail the invitations 8 weeks prior to wedding day.

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- Order tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen.
  - Meet with the caterer to go over menus.
  - Order the wedding cake.
  - Order the wedding rings.
  - Finalize ceremony and reception music.
  - Book a hotel room for the wedding night.
  - If writing vows, work on them now.

### **1 WEEK PRIOR:**

- Plan for any fees due on the wedding day.
- Get final beauty treatments.
- Find someone to solve last minute issues.
- Give the caterer a final head count.

### **WEDDING DAY:**

- Allow at least two hours to get dressed.
- Take deep breaths and try to live in the moment.
- Relax and remain calm.
- Remember to eat something.

### **2 TO 4 WEEKS PRIOR:**

- Work on seating arrangements.
- Finalize arrangements for out-of-town people.
- Confirm details with all vendors.
- Have final fitting for wedding gown.
- Write your rehearsal dinner toast.
- Purchase gifts for the wedding attendants.
- Look into where bridal party will get ready.
- Communicate rehearsal dinner details.

### **THE DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING:**

- Confirm honeymoon arrangements.
  - Pack for the honeymoon.
  - Give bridal party and parents their gift.
  - Hand off rings to best man or ring bearer.
  - Attend the rehearsal dinner.
  - Get some good sleep!
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